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Manufacturers of the famous "Tommy Gun"

OWNERS MANUAL

For Models

1927 A-5 Pistol
1928 Full-Auto
M1 Semi-Auto
M1 Full-Auto

also

1927 A-1 Deluxe
1927 A-1 Standard
1927 A-1C Lightweight
1927 A-3 .22 Caliber

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Congratulations and thank you for purchasing a classic American firearm. The Thompson, by Auto-Ordnance, has become a legend; perhaps the world's most easily recognized gun.

We have made every effort to provide you with a gun you will be proud to shoot and display. However, emphasis must be placed on the importance of proper handling and maintenance. Please familiarize yourself with the information on the following pages.

Thank you again and we wish you many years of safe, enjoyable shooting.

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*Warranty is voided if
PIVOT PLATE is removed with **FRAME ON RECEIVER.**

A. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Always check barrel for obstructions.
2. **DO NOT** store loaded magazine in weapon until ready to fire.
3. **DO NOT** place trigger finger within trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
4. When not in use, bolt should be forward on empty chamber and firing pin released.
5. Always set gun on **SAFE** position when not in use.
   NOTE: Full auto weapon, the safety must be **OFF**.
6. If gun does not fire, make sure bolt is completely home.
7. In the event of a misfire, keep weapon pointed down range for at least five seconds in case of delayed ignition; then remove the magazine and open bolt by pulling the bolt handle back. This should insure ejection of misfired cartridge. Inspect chamber to see that it does not contain a misfired cartridge.
8. **DO NOT** cock bolt with safety **ON** or damage to the firing pin may result.

B. AMMUNITION

In all Thompson .45 caliber guns, we recommend the use of 230 gr. **.45 ACP BALL** ammunition only.

For proper function we **DO NOT** recommend the use of the following types of ammunition:

HOLLOW POINTS, SEMI-WADCUTTERS or RELOADS.

For our .22 caliber guns, we recommend .22 caliber long rifle high velocity rimfire only.

C. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make sure magazine is locked in position.

2. Set Safety on **FIRE** position. Point gun down range, draw bolt back and let snap forward. Gun is now ready to fire.

3. Keep internal parts clean and lightly oiled.

4. Hold open devices:

   a. On earlier models, there will be two holes in the actuator slot on top of the receiver. Draw back and up on the bolt handle, locking it in place in the forward hole. To release the bolt, hit down on the bolt handle and the bolt will go forward.

   b. On the new models, there is a lever in the magazine housing. This is located at the top of the guide rails where the magazine is inserted. Draw back the bolt and push up on the lever, letting the bolt slowly go forward until it locks in place. To release the bolt, simply draw the bolt back and let go; the bolt will then go forward., There is no hold open device on the .22 caliber guns.

D. LOADING AND OPERATION OF .45 CALIBER DRUMS

1. To load the .45 caliber drum magazine, remove key and cover. Load the drum with the nose of the cartridge facing up. Each compartment must be fully loaded. Replace cover and make sure the openings are lined up. Wind the drum 9 - 10 Clicks.

   DO NOT overwind or wind again until drum is empty.

2. To load the .45 caliber drum magazine, bolt must be locked back.
3. Insert the drum in the guide rails from the left side of the gun until the magazine catch locks in place. The drum may fit tightly the first few times.

LOADING AND OPERATION OF .22 CALIBER DRUMS

To load the .22 caliber drum, place loading tool in drum. Depress a cartridge and place the next cartridge in. Lift up on the tool and slide the second cartridge to the back of the drum. Continue this procedure until drum is fully loaded.

NOTE: These drums are pre-wound and no winding is necessary.

E. DISASSEMBLY OF SEMI-AUTO MODELS

Takedown procedures for all semi-autos are the same. Part numbers for all .45 caliber models (1927A-1, A1C, A-5 and M1) are also the same. For .22 caliber models (A-3) refer to .22 caliber exploded view for part numbers.

1. Make sure that gun is unloaded, bolt (27-3) is forward and the firing pin (27-14) is in fired position with the **SAFETY** (27-49) **OFF.**
2. Depress the frame latch button (27-24) in the rear bottom portion of receiver (27-41). (See fig. 1)

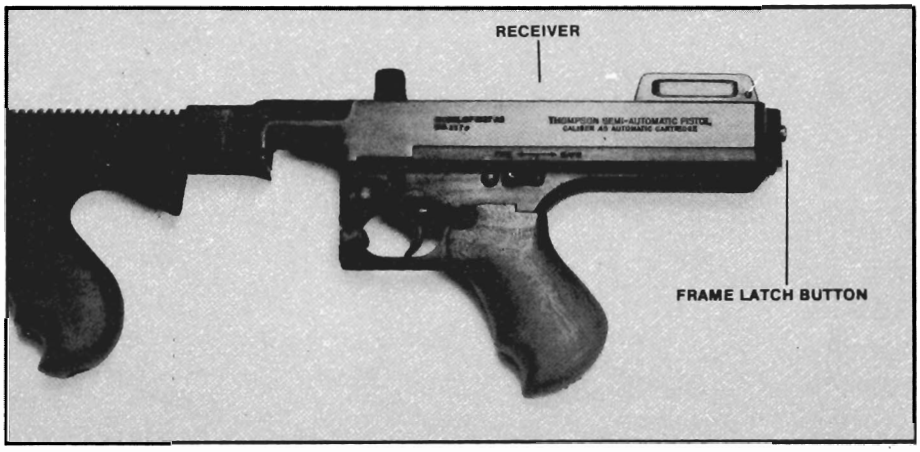

Fig. 1. Frame latch button.

3. With gun upside down, pull frame (27-23) to the rear (new guns may be tight). About half way back you will encounter the frame latch button (27-24). The button can be depressed using a thin blade or small screw driver (see fig. 2). The frame (27-23) may then be removed the rest of the way. Care should be taken not to lose frame latch button (27-24).

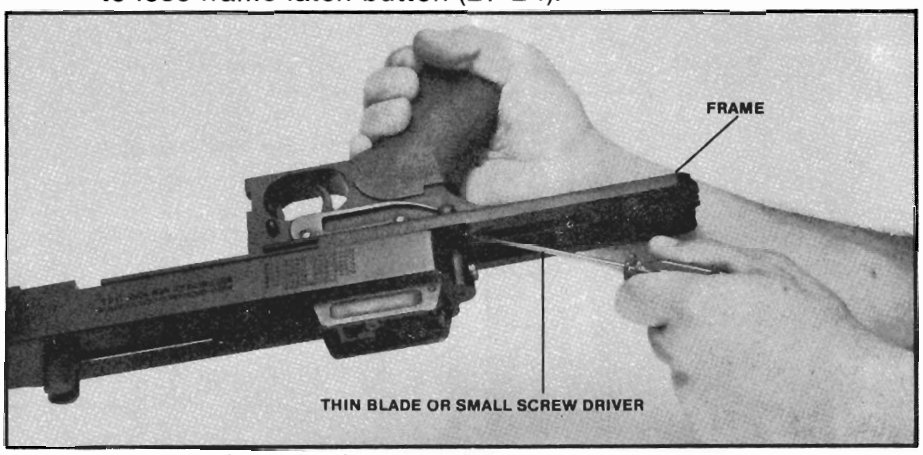

Fig. 2. Depressing frame latch button.

4. With gun still upside down, the internal parts of receiver (27-41) can be removed by pulling up on the recoil plate and spring (27-48). The firing pin pilot (27-18) and spring (27-17) will come out of the hole in the rear of receiver (27-41). (see fig. 3)

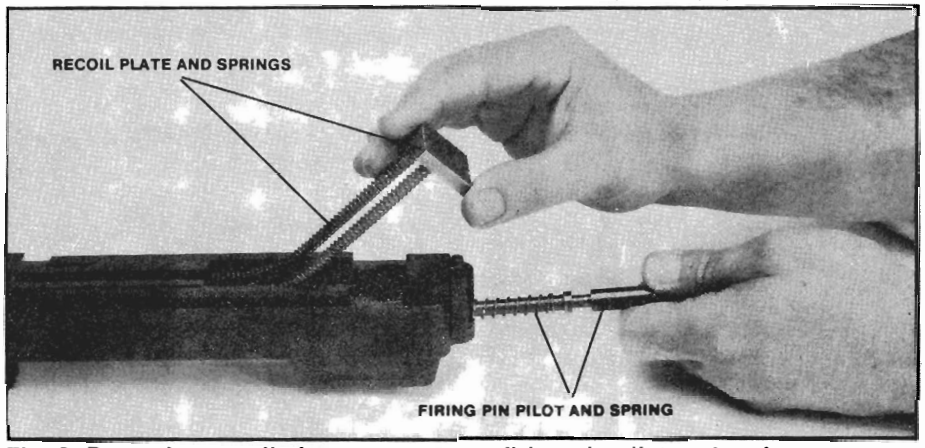

Fig. 3. Removing recoil plate and springs, firing pin pilot and spring.

5. Holding the bolt (27-3) forward with gun upside down, point muzzle upwards so that the hammer (27-29) slides free of the bolt handle (27-4). Remove bolt handle (27-4) from hole in top of receiver (27-41). Bolt (27-3) can now be removed. To assemble, simply reverse procedure. On M1 models, bolt handle (27-4*) is removed from the side of the receiver (27-41*).

6. **FRAME SHOULD NOT BE DISASSEMBLED UNLESS NECESSARY,** although a light coat of oil on pivot points is recommended.

7. ***DO NOT REMOVE PIVOT PLATE (27-38) WITH FRAME ON RECEIVER.**

F. DISASSEMBLY OF YOUR MODEL 1928 FULL-AUTO

1. Make sure gun is not loaded, **SAFETY** (46) **IS OFF**, bolt (4) forward and fire control lever (45) is in **FULL-AUTO** position. Remove buttstock (6) on the 1928 Models.

2. Depress the frame latch button (22) in the rear bottom of receiver (37) (see fig. 1 of semi-auto section) and slide the frame (21) rearward a short distance. With gun upside down pull trigger (53) and slide frame (21) the rest of the way off (care should be taken not to lose frame latch button (22).

   NOTE: If the fire control lever (45) is not in the **FULL-AUTO** position, damage to rocker (44) and bolt (4) may result.

3. With gun still upside down, disassemble upper receiver (37) by pulling bolt (4) to the rear about two inches and inserting a paper clip into the small hole in buffer pilot (5). (see fig. 4)

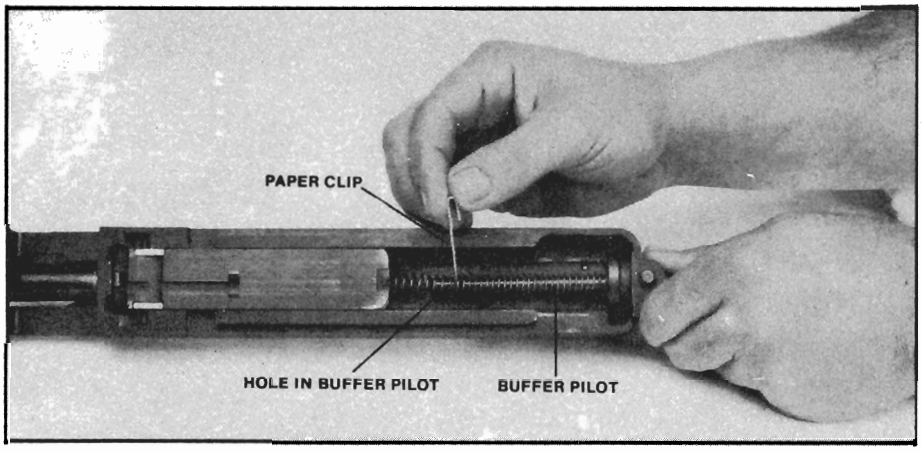

Fig. 4. Using paper clip to hold compressed spring on buffer pilot.

4. With gun upside down and bolt (4) forward, push buffer pilot (5) forward to clear it from back of receiver (37) and remove it. Care should be taken not to remove paper clip as it is holding the compressed spring (43) on the buffer pilot (5).

5. Slide bolt (4) to the rear of receiver (37) and lift out. Slide actuator (1) and lock (29) forward (notice that the word UP with an arrow pointing towards the muzzle is stamped on the lock). Remove lock (29) and slide actuator (1) to the rear of receiver (37) and lift out. To assemble, simply reverse procedure.

6. **THE FRAME SHOULD NOT BE DISASSEMBLED UNLESS NECESSARY**, although a light coat of oil on pivot points is recommended.

REMINDER NOTES MODEL 1928, M1 FULL-AUTOS:

The bolt (4) must be all the way back before the **SAFETY** lever (46) can be put on **SAFE** and **FIRE** control lever (45) can be moved from **FULL-AUTO** to **SINGLE**. With bolt (4) forward, damage to rocker (44) and bolt (4) may result.

G. DISASSEMBLY OF YOUR M1 FULL-AUTO

1. Take off lower frame (21*) as outlined in Model 1928 Full Auto disassembly.

2. With gun upside down, push buffer pilot (5*) forward until it is flush with back of receiver (37*). The buffer (56*) can now be removed.

3. Release buffer pilot (5*) slowly and remove the buffer pilot and recoil spring (43*).

4. Move bolt (4*) back half way and remove bolt handle (57*) through hole in side of receiver (37*). The bolt (4*) is now free to lift out of receiver (37*). To assemble, simply reverse procedure.

   NOTE: Have bolt half way back when installing buffer assembly so as not to damage the recoil spring.

WARRANTY

The company will replace or adjust to its commercial standard any gun or part thereof returned to the factory and found by us to be defective in either material or workmanship. Such service will be made free of charge for one year from date of purchase. This warranty and statement of liability supersedes all previous warranties and commitments.

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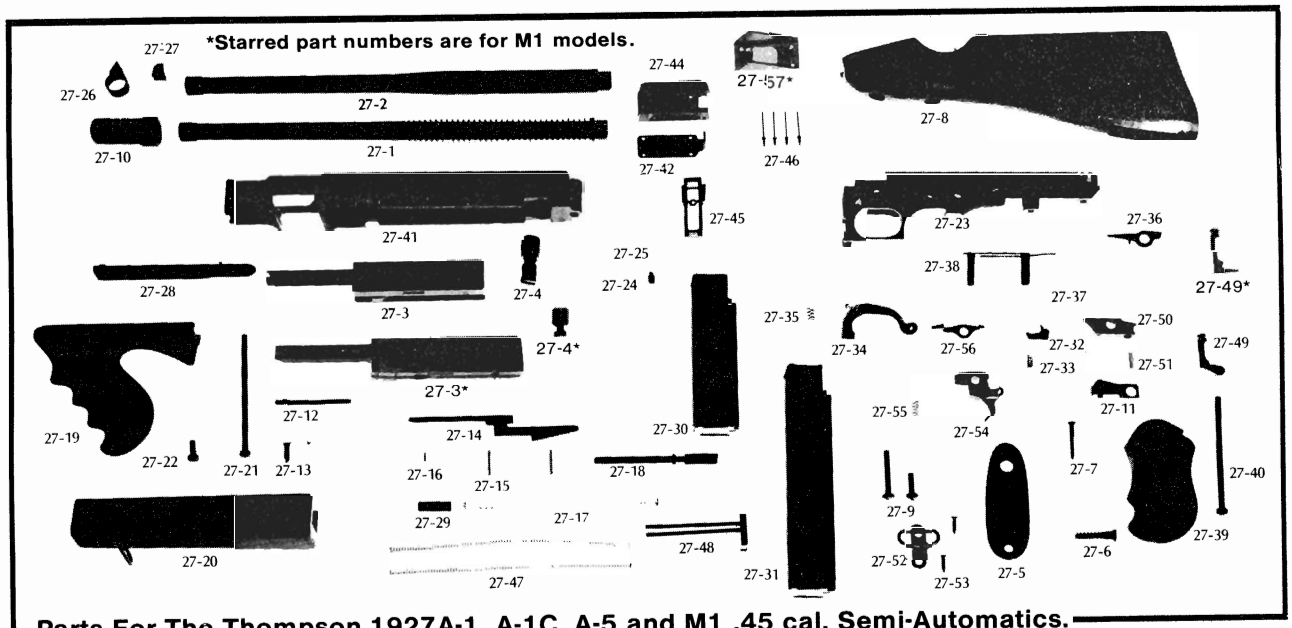
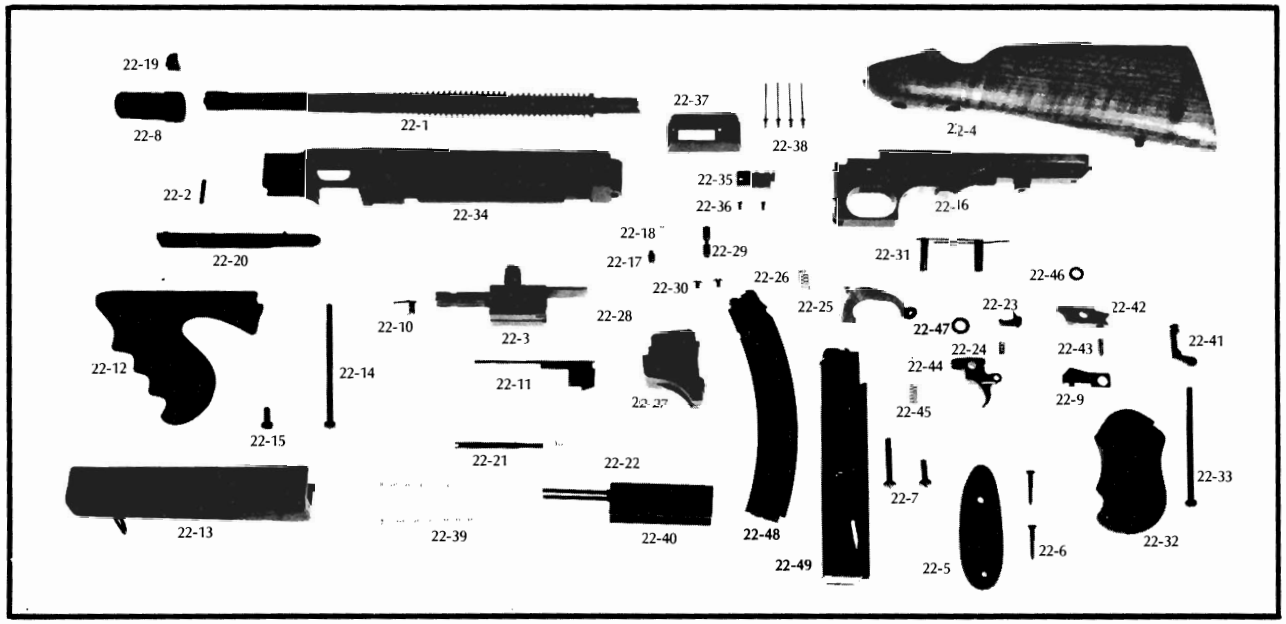


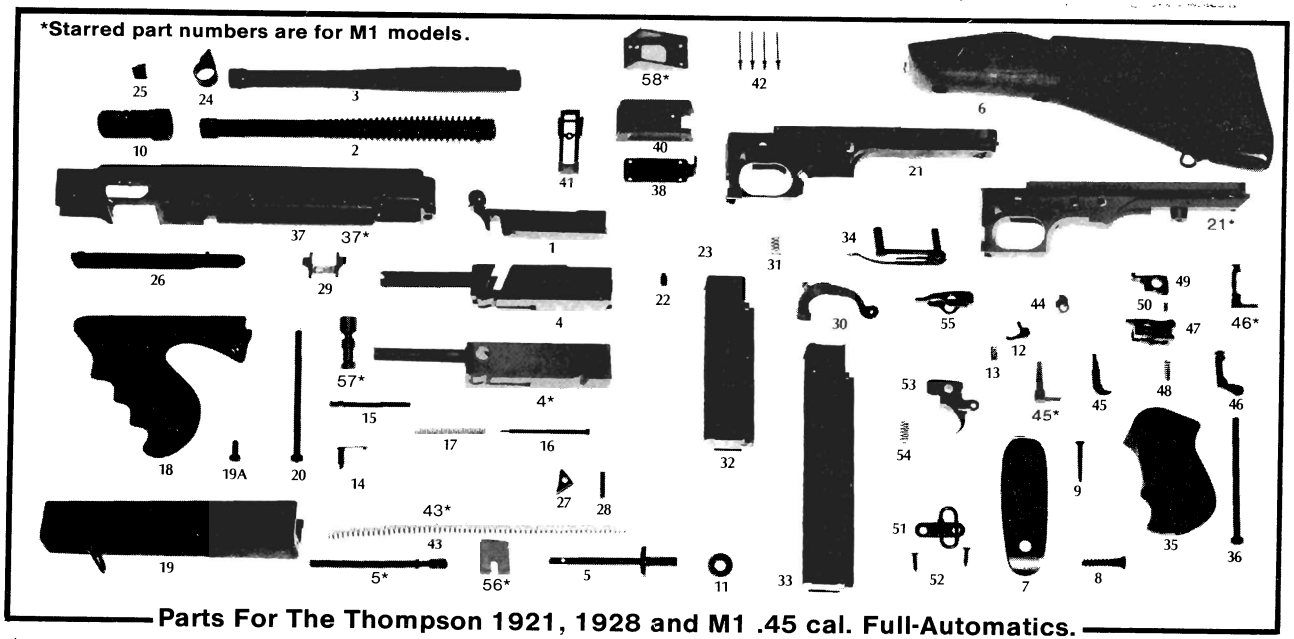
Parts For The Thompson 1927A-1, A-1C, A-5 and M1 .45 cal. Semi-Automatics.

27-1 Barrel, finned, threaded for comp.
27-2 Barrel, smooth for std. fr. sight
27-3 Bolt 27-3*
27-4 Bolt handle 27-4*
27-5 Buttplate with cap & spring
27-6 Buttplate screw, large
27-7 Buttplate screw, small
27-8 Buttstock
27-9 Buttstock retaining screws, (short or long)
27-10 Compensator, less front sight
27-11 Disconnector
27-12 Extractor
27-13 Ejector
27-14 Firing pin
27-15 Firing pin retaining pin (2 required)
27-16 Firing pin, retracting pin
27-17 Firing pin spring
27-18 Firing pin pilot
27-19 Foregrip, vertical
27-20 Foregrip, horizontal
27-21 Foregrip, screw, vertical
27-22 Foregrip, screw, horizontal
27-23 Frame
27-24 Frame latch
27-25 Frame latch spring
27-26 Front sight, std. ring
27-27 Front sight for compensator
27-28 Gripmount
27-29 Hammer
27-30 Magazine, 20, 15, 5 shot
27-31 Magazine, 30 shot
27-32 Lifter
27-33 Lifter spring
27-34 Magazine catch
27-35 Magazine catch spring
27-36 Pawl
27-37 Pawl spring
27-38 Pivot plate
27-39 Rear grip
27-40 Rear grip screw
27-41 Receiver 27-41*
27-42 Rear sight, standard
27-43 Rear sight, adjustable, complete (not shown)
27-44 Rear sight base
27-45 Rear sight leaf, complete
27-46 Rear sight rivets, four for
27-47 Recoil spring - each
27-48 Recoil spring pilot & plate
27-49 Safety lever 27-49*
27-50 Sear block
27-51 Sear block spring
27-52 Sling swivel
27-53 Sling swivel screws (2)
27-54 Trigger
27-55 Trigger spring
27-56 Trip
27-57* Rear sight



Parts For The Thompson 1927A-3 .22 cal. Semi-Automatic.

22-1	Barrel assy, complete
22-2	Barrel retaining pin
22-3	Bolt assy.
22-4	Buttstock
22-5	Butt plate
22-6	Buttplate screw
22-7	Buttstock retaining screws (long, short).
22-8	Compensator
22-9	Disconnector
22-10	Extractor
22-11	Firing pin
22-12	Foregrip, vertical**
22-13	Foregrip, horizontal
22-14	Foregrip screw, vertical
22-15	Foregrip screw, horizontal
22-16	Frame
22-17	Frame latch
22-18	Frame latch spring
22-19	Front sight
22-20	Gripmount
22-21	Hammer
22-22	Hammer spring
22-23	Lifter
22-24	Lifter spring
22-25	Magazine catch
22-26	Magazine catch spring
22-27	Magazine adapter
22-28	Magazine adapter spring
22-29	Magazine adapter pin
22-30	Magazine adapter screw
22-31	Pivot plate
22-32	Rear grip
22-33	Rear grip screw
22-34	Receiver
22-35	Rear sight
22-36	Rear sight screws
22-37	Rear sight base
22-38	Rear sight rivets
22-39	Recoil spring
22-40	Recoil buffer assy.
22-41	Safety lever
22-42	Sear block
22-43	Sear block spring
22-44	Trigger
22-45	Trigger spring
22-46	9/16" x 5/16" spacer
22-47	11/16" x 3/8" spacer
22-48	30 round magazine
22-49	10 round magazine



Parts For The Thompson 1921, 1928 and M1 .45 cal. Full-Automatics.

1 Actuator
2 Barrel, finned and threaded
3 Barrel, smooth for std. fr. sight
4 Bolt 4*
5 Buffer pilot (incl. fiber disc)
5* Buffer Pilot
6 Buttstock
7 Butt plate
8 Butt plate screw, large
9 Butt plate screw, small
10 Compensator
11 Disc (fiber)
12 Disconnector
13 Disconnector spring
14 Ejector
15 Extractor
16 Firing pin
17 Firing pin spring
18 Foregrip, vertical
19 Foregrip, horizontal
19A Foregrip screw, horizontal
20 Foregrip screw, vertical
21 Frame 21*
22 Frame latch
23 Frame latch spring
24 Front sight, std. ring
25 Front sight for compensator
26 Gripmount
27 Hammer
28 Hammer pin
29 Lock
30 Magazine catch
31 Magazine catch spring
32 Magazine, 20 shot
33 Magazine, 30 shot
34 Pivot plate
35 Rear grip
36 Rear grip screw
37 Receiver 37*
38 Rear sight, standard
39 Rear sight, complete (not shown)
40 Rear sight base
41 Rear sight leaf, complete
42 Rear sight rivet
43 Recoil spring 43*
44 Rocker
45 Rocker pivot or
45* fire control lever
46 Safety lever 46*
47 Sear
48 Sear spring
49 Sear lever
50 Sear lever spring
51 Sling swivel
52 Sling swivel screws
53 Trigger
54 Trigger spring
55 Trip
56* Buffer
57* Bolt handle
58* Rear sight

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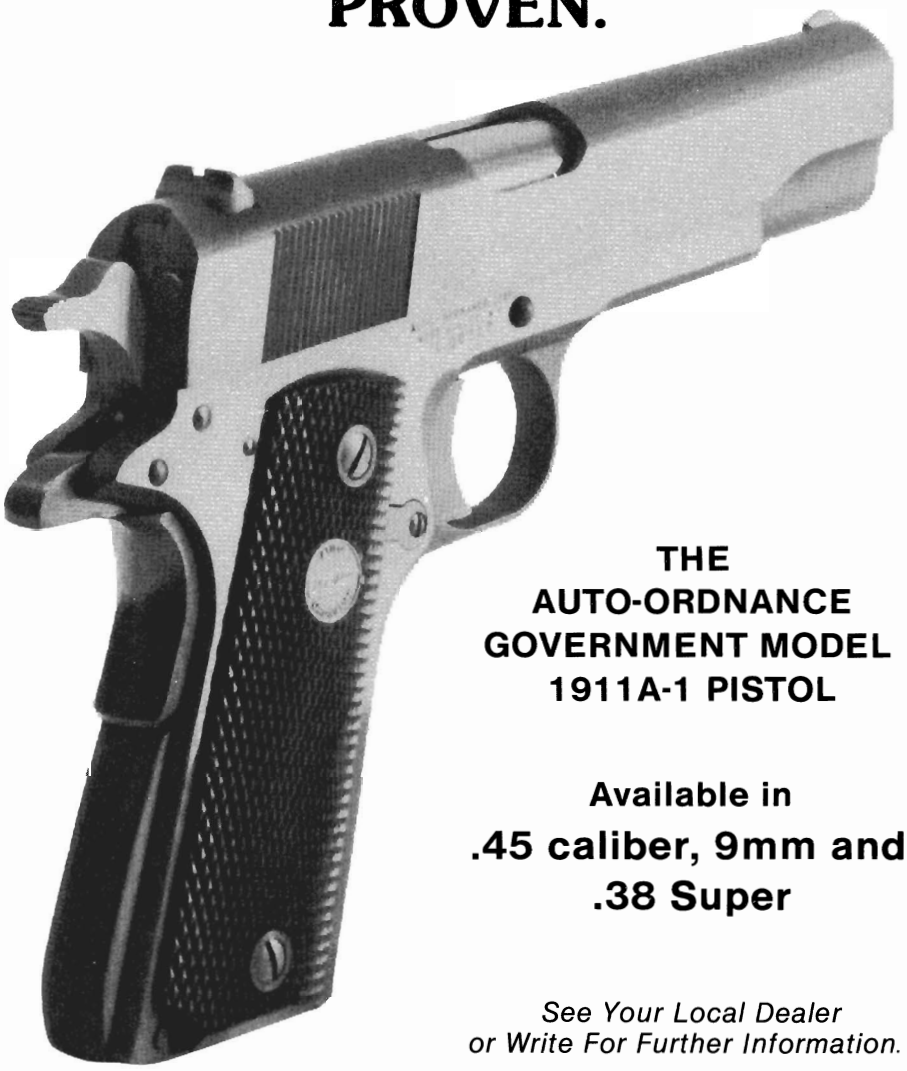

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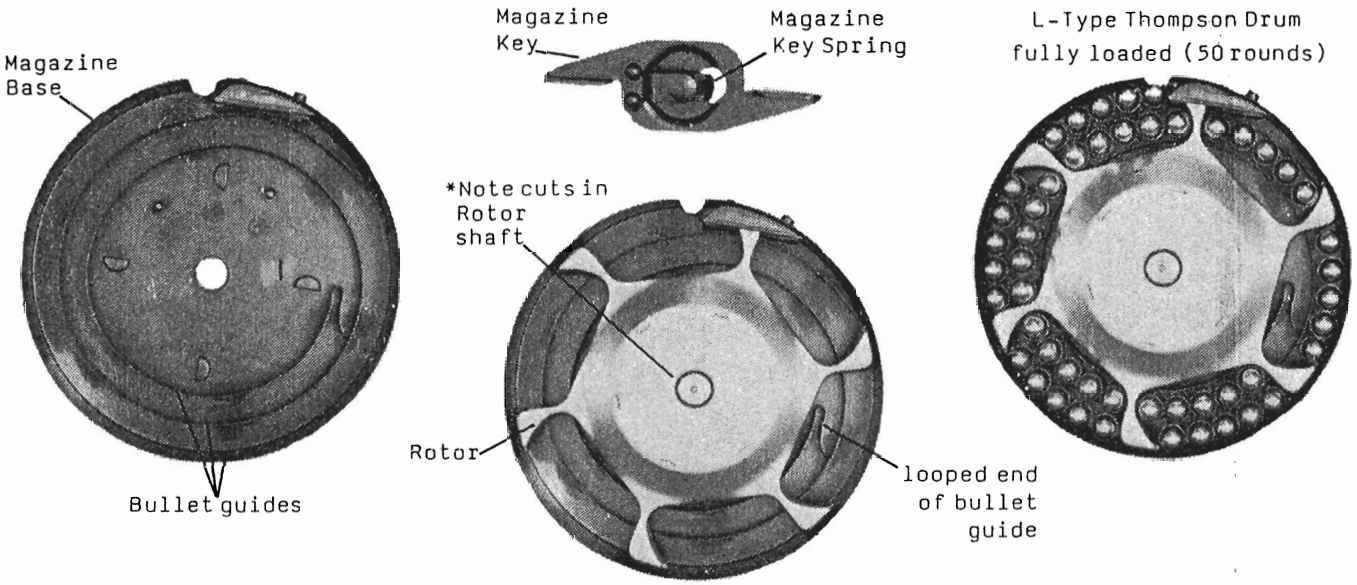
CARE AND FEEDING OF L-TYPE 50 RD. THOMPSON Drum



(1) Lift Magazine Key Spring and slide Magazine Key from Magazine cover. Remove Magazine Cover.

(2) Place 230 gr. ball ammo base down starting at 12 o'clock position in Magazine Base loading counter-clockwise. Fill each of the ten sections of Rotor with five rounds each until fully loaded.

WARNING: Where looped end of bullet guide ends, do not load in the area as jams will occur when Rotor turns.

(3) When L-Type Thompson Drum is fully loaded (50 rounds), replace cover and Magazine Key. *Note cuts in Rotor shaft for Magazine Key - exert downward pressure on Magazine cover. Wind Key 9-11 clicks as stated on the Magazine Cover.

WARNING: Do not wind more than the stated amount or after any rounds have been fired.

(4) To unload, hold Drum upside down and press bullets out forward one by one through the mouth of magazine until empty.

WARNING: Do not open cover when loaded and wound as damage may result.

(5) To load the L-Type Thompson Drum in your firearm, bolt must be locked back.

(6) Insert the Drum in the guide rails from the left side of the gun until magazine catch locks in place. The Drum may fit tightly the first few times.

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Parts For The Thompson 1927A-1, 1927A-1C, M1; 1927A-5 and 10mm Semi-Auto Carbines

No.	Description	
27-1	Barrel, finned & threaded	65.00
27-2	Barrel, smooth for st. fr. sight	59.95
27-3	Bolt	67.95
#3	Bolt M1	67.95
27-4	Bolt Handle	18.25
#4	Bolt Handle M1	18.25
27-5	Buttplate	7.50
27-6	Buttplate Screw, large	1.75
27-7	Buttplate Screw, small	1.75
27-8	Buttstock	39.95
27-9	Buttstock, retaining screw, large	2.50
27-10	Buttstock, retaining screw, small	1.95
27-11	Buttstock reinforcing nut & bolt	2.00
27-12	Compensator, less front sight	32.95
27-13	Disconnector	3.95
27-14	Extractor	5.25
27-15	Ejector A1	4.25
#15	Ejector M1	4.25
27-16	Firing Pin	12.00
27-17	Firing Pin, retaining pin (2 req'd)	.80
27-18	Firing Pin, retracting pin	.80
27-19	Firing Pin Spring	1.25
27-20	Firing Pin Pilot	5.95
27-21	** Foregrip, vertical	31.95
27-22	Foregrip, vertical screw	4.50
27-23	** Foregrip, horizontal	24.95
27-24	Foregrip, horizontal screw	3.00
27-25	Frame	215.00
#25	Frame M1	215.00
27-26	Frame Latch (not shown)	1.95
27-27	Frame Latch Spring (not shown)	.80
27-28	Front Sight, Std. Ring	3.50
27-29	Front Sight for Compensator	9.00
27-30	Gripmount	18.95
27-31	Hammer	2.95
27-32	Magazine, 20 round	12.95
27-33	Magazine, 30 round	11.50
27-34	Lifter	4.50
27-35	Lifter Spring	1.25
27-36	Magazine Catch	15.95
27-37	Magazine Catch Spring	1.50
27-38	Pawl	8.95
27-39	Pawl Spring	1.25
27-40	Pivot Plate	19.95
27-41	Rear Grip	16.00
27-42	Rear Grip Screw	3.95
27-43	* Receiver	285.00
#43	* Receiver M1	285.00
27-44	Rear Sight M1	11.00
27-45	Rear Sight Leaf Complete	26.75
27-46	Rear Sight Base	19.95
27-47	Rear Sight Plunger Spring	1.25
27-48	Rear Sight Plunger	1.50
27-49	Rear Sight Screws	4/1.00
	Rear Sight, Adj., Complete	34.95
27-50	Recoil Spring	1.25
27-51	Recoil Spring Pilot & Plate	10.50
27-52	Safety Lever (Sub, M1)	13.25
#52	Safety Lever M1	13.25
27-53	Sear Block	18.50
27-54	Sear Block Spring	1.25
27-55	Sling Swivel	2.00
27-56	Sling Swivel Screws	1.00
27-57	Trigger	19.95
27-58	Trigger Spring	1.25
27-59	Trip	8.00
27-60	Oil Can	4.95
27-61	Forend Reinforcing Band	14.95

Parts Unique to 1927A1 10mm

27-1MM	Barrel	65.00
27-3MM	Bolt	67.95
27-33M	Magazine	14.50

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Spare Parts For The Thompson Model 1928 and M1

No.	Description	
28-1	Actuator	58.50
28-2	Barrel, finned and threaded	64.95
28-3	Barrel, smooth for std. fr. sight	61.95
28-4	Bolt	69.50
#4	Bolt M1	69.50
28-5	Buffer Pilot (incl. fiber disc.)	19.95
28-6	Buttstock	58.95
#6	Buttstock M1	39.95
28-7	Buttplate	7.50
#7	Buttplate M1	7.50
28-8	Buttplate Screw, large	1.75
#8	Buttplate Screw, large M1	1.75
28-9	Buttplate Screw, small	1.75
#9	Buttplate Screw, small M1	1.75
28-10	Compensator (less front sight)	32.95
28-11	Disc (fiber-write for availability)	.50
28-12	Disconnector	3.95
28-13	Disconnector Spring	1.00
28-14	Ejector	4.25
#14	Ejector M1	4.25
28-15	Extractor	5.25
28-16	Firing Pin	12.00
28-17	Firing Pin Spring	1.00
28-18	** Foregrip, vertical	31.95
28-19	Foregrip screw, vertical	4.50
28-20	** Foregrip, horizontal	24.95
28-21	Foregrip screw, horizontal	3.00
28-22	Frame	250.00
#22	Frame M1	250.00
28-23	Frame Latch	1.95
28-24	Frame Latch Spring	.80
28-25	Front Sight, std. ring	3.50
28-26	Front Sight for Compensator	9.00
28-27	Gripmount	18.95
28-28	Hammer	2.90
28-29	Hammer Pin	1.00
28-30	Lock	24.95
28-31	Magazine Catch	15.95
28-32	Magazine Catch Spring	1.50
28-33	Magazine, 20 shot	12.95
28-34	Magazine, 30 shot	11.50
28-35	Pivot Plate	19.95
28-36	Rear Grip	16.00
#36	Rear Grip M1	16.00
28-37	Rear Grip Screw	3.95
28-38	* Receiver	350.00
#38	* Receiver M1	350.00
28-39	Rear Sight, standard	11.00
28-40	Rear Sight, complete(not shown)	34.95
28-41	Rear Sight Base	19.95
28-42	Rear Sight Leaf, complete	26.75
28-43	Rear Sight Plunger	1.50
28-44	Rear Sight Plunger Spring	1.25
28-45	Rear Sight Screws	4/1.00
28-46	Recoil Spring	2.00
28-47	Rocker	3.95
28-48	Rocker Pivot or Fire Control Lever	8.95
#48	Rocker Pivot or Fire Control Lever M1	8.95
28-49	Safety Lever (Sub, M1)	13.25
#49	Safety Lever M1	13.25
28-50	Sear	19.50
28-51	Sear Spring	1.00
28-52	Sear Lever	17.95
28-53	Sear Lever Spring	1.00
28-54	Sling Swivel	2.00
28-55	Sling Swivel Screws (2)	1.00
28-56	Trigger	19.95
28-57	Trigger Spring	1.25
28-58	Trip	15.95
28-59	Buttstock Screws, long	2.50
#59	Buttstock Screws, long M1	2.50
28-60	Buttstock Screws, short	1.95
#60	Buttstock Screws, short M1	1.95
28-61	Buttstock Slide	25.95
28-62	Buttstock Catch Spring	1.25
#63	Buffer Pilot M1	7.95
#64	Buffer Assembly M1	19.95
#65	Bolt Handle M1	18.25
28-66	Buttstock Reinforcing Nut & Bolt	2.00
28-67	Oil Can	4.95
28-68	Forend Reinforcing Band	14.95

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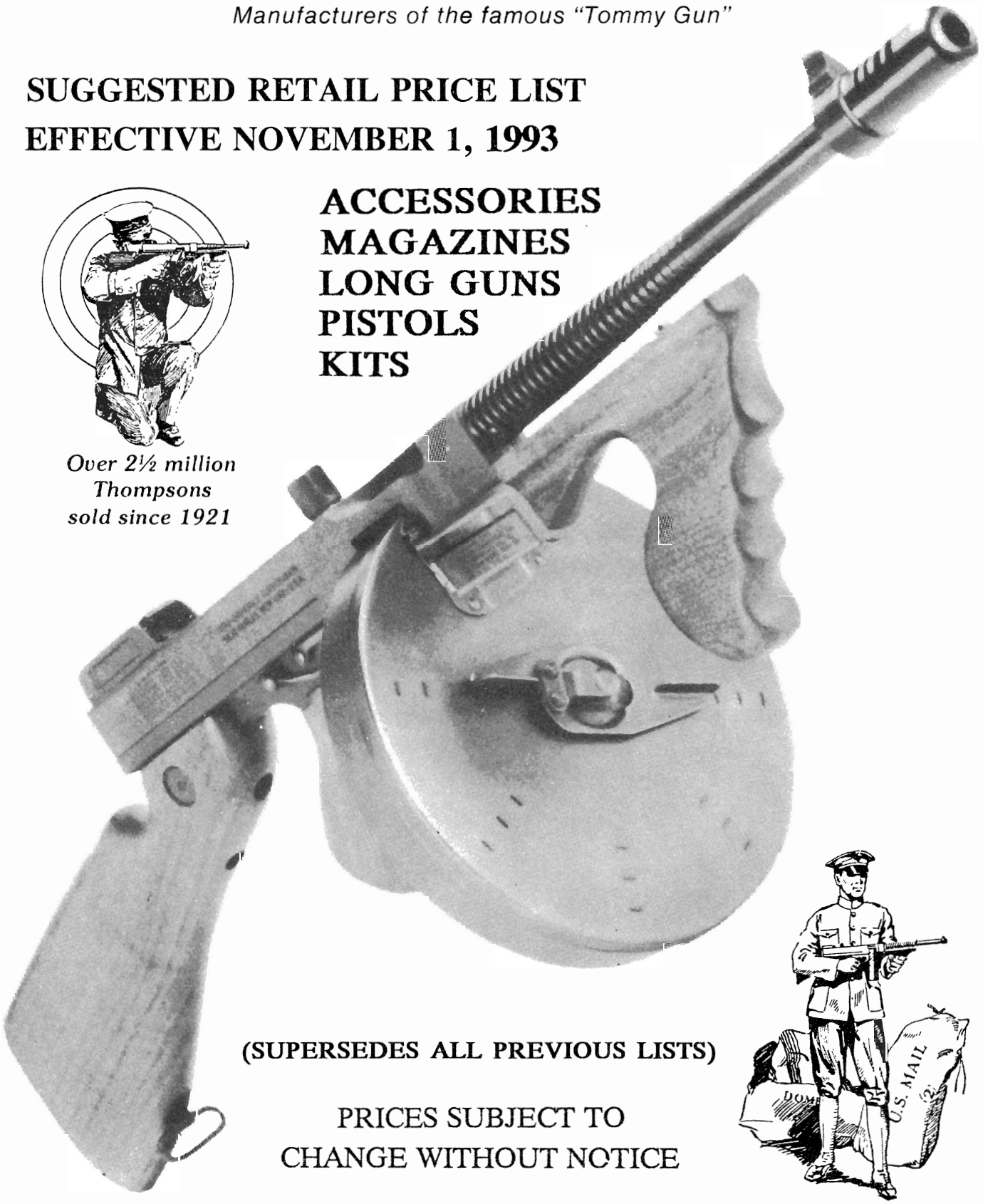

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